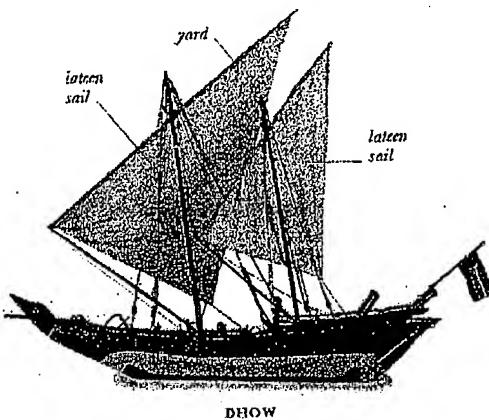
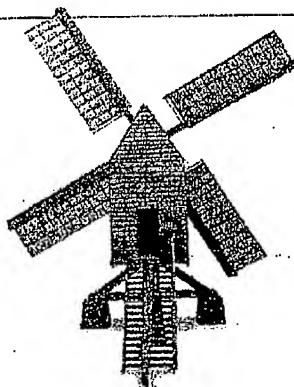


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**tick**<sup>3</sup> /tik/ *n. Brit. collag.* credit (by goods on tick).  
**tick**<sup>4</sup> /tik/ *n. 1* the cover of a mattress or pillow.  
 2 *n. tickings.*

**ticker** /tikər/ *n. collag.* 1 the heart. 2 a watch. 3 a machine that receives and prints telegraphed messages onto paper tape.

**ticker-tape** *n. 1* a paper strip from a ticker. 2 this or similar material thrown from windows, etc., along the route of a parade honoring a hero, etc.

**ticket**<sup>1</sup> /tikɪt/ *n. & v. n. 1* a written or printed piece of paper or card entitling the holder to enter a place, participate in an event, travel by public transport, use a public amenity, etc. 2 an official notification of a traffic offense, etc. (parking ticket). 3 *Brit.* a certificate of discharge from the army. 4 a certificate of qualification as a ship's master, ship or airplane pilot, etc. 5 a label attached to a thing and giving its price or other details. 6 a list of candidates put forward by one group, esp. a political party. 7 (prec. by *th*) *collag.* what is correct or needed. *• vt.* (ticketed, ticketing) attach or serve a ticket to. *• adj.* ticketed adj. ticket-less adj.

**ticketing** /tikɪŋ/ *n. a stout usu. striped material used to cover mattresses, etc.*

**ticke**<sup>1</sup> /tikəl/ *n. & v. 1* *a* to apply light touches or strokes to (a person or part of a person's body) so as to excite the nerves and usu. produce laughter and spasmodic movement. *b* *int.* feel this sensation (my foot tickles). 2 *tr.* excite agreeably; amuse or divert (a person, a sense of humor, vanity, etc.) (was tickled at the idea; this will tickle your fancy). *• n. 1* an act of tickling. 2 a tickling sensation. *• adj.* tickled pink (or to death) *collag.* extremely amused or pleased. *• adj.* tickler n. tickly adj.

**ticke**<sup>2</sup> /tiklɪʃ/ *adj. 1* sensitive to tickling. *2* (of a matter or person to be dealt with) difficult; requiring careful handling. *• adj.* ticklishly adj. ticklishness n.

**tic-tac-toe** *n. (also tic-tac-toe)* a game in which players alternate turns, seeking to complete a series of three Xs or Os marked in a nine-square grid.

**tickey-tacky** /tɪkətəkɪ/ *n. & adj. collag. 1* inferior or cheap material, esp. as used in suburban buildings. *• adj.* (esp. of a building or housing development) made of inferior material; cheap or in poor taste.

**tidal** /tɪdɪl/ *adj.* relating to, like, or affected by tides (tidal basin; tidal river). *• adj.* tidally adj.

**tidal bore** *n.* a large wave or bore caused by constriction of the spring tide as it enters a long narrow shallow inlet.

**tidal wave** *n. 1* *tsunami.* *2* a widespread manifestation of feeling, etc.

**tid-bit** /tɪdbɪt/ *n. (Brit. titbit /tɪt-/)* *1* a small morsel. *2* a choice item of news, etc.

**tid-dle** /tɪdlə/ *n. Brit. collag.* *1* a small fish, esp. a stickleback or minnow. *2* an unusually small thing or person.

**tid-dly**<sup>1</sup> /tɪdlɪ/ *adj. (tiddlier, tiddliest) esp. Brit. collag.* slightly drunk.

**tid-dly**<sup>2</sup> /tɪdlɪ/ *adj. (tiddlier, tiddliest) Brit. collag.* little.

**tie** /tɪ/ *n. & v. 1* *a* the periodic rise and fall of the sea due to the attraction of the Moon and Sun (see *low n. 1, high n. 3*). *b* the water as affected by this. *2* a time or season (usu. in comb.: Whitsuntide). *3* a marked trend of opinion, fortune, or events. *• tie over* enable or help (a person) to deal with an awkward situation, difficult period, etc. (the money will tie me over until Friday). *• adj.* tide-less adj.

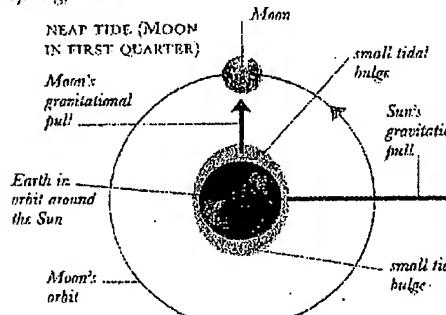
**tie-land** /tɪlənd/ *n. 1* land that is submerged at high tide. *2* land below the low-water mark but within a nation's territorial waters.

**tie-mark** /tɪdmɑrk/ *n. 1* a mark made by the tide at esp. high water. *2* *esp. Brit.* a mark left round a barbush at the level of the water in it. *b* a line on a person's body, garment, etc., marking the extent to which it has been washed.

**tie-water** /tɪdwɔ:tər, -wɔ:tər/ *n. 1* water brought

## TIDE

The gravitational pull of the Moon and, to a lesser degree, that of the Sun cause the tides. The pull is strongest on the side of the Earth facing the Moon, causing the oceans on that side to bulge out. The pull affects the solid Earth slightly less, but still enough to cause it to pull away from the ocean on the other side, creating a second ocean bulge. As the Earth rotates, each part of the ocean rises and falls twice a day, causing two high tides and two low tides. When the Sun and Moon form a right angle with the Earth, their pulls counteract, causing small, or neap, tides. When they are in line, their pull is combined, creating large, or spring, tides.



by or affected by tides. *2* (attrib.) affected by tides (tidewater region).

**tie-wave** /tɪwےɪv/ *n. an undulation of water passing round the Earth and causing high and low tides.*

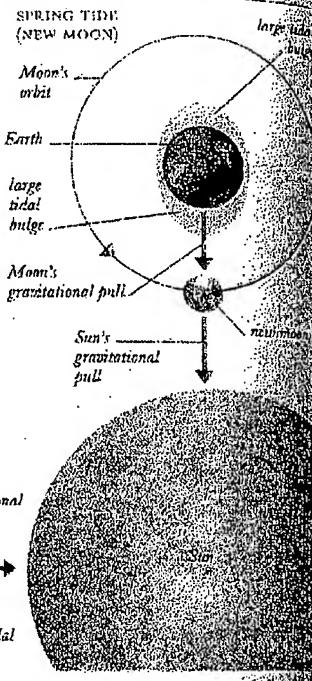
**tie-way** /tɪwےɪ/ *n. 1* a channel in which a tide runs, esp. the tidal part of a river. *2* the ebb or flow in a tidal channel.

**tidings** /tɪdɪŋz/ *n. (as sing. or pl.) news; information.*

**tidy** /tɪdɪ/ *adj., n. & v. adj. (tidier, tidiest)*

*1* neat; orderly; methodically arranged. *2* (of a person) methodically inclined. *3* *collag.* considerable (it cost a tidy sum). *• n. (pl. -ies)* *1* a receptacle for holding small objects. *2* *esp. Brit.* an act or spell of tidying. *3* a detachable ornamental cover for a chair back, arms, etc. *• vt.* (i-ies, -ied) (also chsh; often foll. by up) put in good order; make (oneself, a room, etc.) tidy. *• adj.* tidily adj. tidiness n.

**tie** /tɪ/ *n. & v. 1* *a* to attach or fasten with string or cord, etc. (tie the dog in the gate; tie his hands together; tie on a label). *b* to link conceptually. *2* *tr.* to form (a string, ribbon, shoelace, necktie, etc.) into a knot or bow; form (a knot) or bow in this way. *3* *tr.* to restrict or limit (a person) as in conclusions, occupation, place, etc. (it tied him to his family). *4* *int.* (often foll. by with) achieve the same score or place as another competitor (she tied at ten games each). *5* *tr.* to hold (rafters, etc.) together by a crosspiece, etc. *6* *tr.* *thu.* a unite (written notes) by a tie to notation. *b* to perform (two notes) as one unbroken note. *• n. 1* a cord, line, or chain, etc., used for fastening. *2* a strip of material worn round the collar and tied in a knot at the front with the ends hanging down. *3* a thing that unites or restricts persons; a bond or obligation (family tie; tie of friendship). *4* a draw, dead heat, or equality of score among competitors. *5* *tr.* a match between any pair from a group of competing players or teams. *6* (also tie beam, etc.) *•* a rod or beam holding parts of a structure together. *• adj.* *tiered* adj. (also



7 *thu.* a curved line above or below a note, of the same pitch indicating that they are to be played in combined duration of their time value.

**tie**<sup>2</sup> /tɪ/ *n. 1* a beam laid horizontally as a support for rails. *2* a shoe tied with a lace. *3* *tr.* to tie (a person) very angry, tie down = tie up 3 above; tie up var. of tie-up. *4* *tr.* tie in (foll. by with) bring into a close association or agreement. *5* *tr.* tie up (a person) get married. *6* *tr.* tie up 1 bind or fasten securely. *7* *tr.* tie up (a cord, etc.) to bind or fasten securely. *8* *tr.* invest or reserve (capital, etc.) so that it is not immediately available for use. *9* *tr.* (a boat) often foll. by up) put in good order; make (oneself, a room, etc.) tidy. *10* *tr.* tie up (a person) get married. *11* *tr.* bind or fasten securely. *12* *tr.* tie up (a cord, etc.) to bind or fasten securely. *13* *tr.* invest or reserve (capital, etc.) so that it is not immediately available for use. *14* *tr.* (a boat) often foll. by up) put in good order; make (oneself, a room, etc.) tidy. *15* *tr.* tie up (a person) get married. *16* *tr.* bind or fasten securely. *17* *tr.* invest or reserve (capital, etc.) so that it is not immediately available for use. *18* *tr.* (a boat) often foll. by up) put in good order; 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